

REMARKS

Claims 41-43 remain pending in the application.

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is submitted in an abundance of caution simply to place references before the Examiner for consideration. The references are referred to in the Information Disclosure Statement presented herewith.

Also enclosed is a **copy** of two Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements and PTO-1449s which were filed on June 27, 2002 and December 5, 2002. Applicant has never received an initialed copy of either of these PTO-1449s, and respectfully requests the Examiner to initial these references and return a copy of these PTO-1449s with the Examiner's next Action.

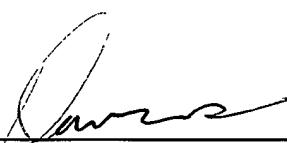
Examination of claims 41-43 is requested.

Dated:

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By:

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure: Copy of 6/27/02 and 12/5/02 IDS' for initialing